



CAST BIOS - 2009

COLE DAVIS – Principal Skater

Cole Davis began skating at the age of 9 in Cincinnati, Ohio. As his skating progressed, he began to compete nationally and won the 1999 Jr National Championships. Cole's interest in skating was more of entertainment value than competition. In 2007 he moved to Istanbul, Turkey to take part in a skating reality TV show. He stayed in Europe and later toured with the *HOLIDAY ON ICE* "Mysterie" tour. Cole returned to the U.S. in 2007 to perform in "Endless Summer" and later joined the *ROYAL CARRIBBEAN CRUISE* Line where he was the lead male skater. He came back to the States once again to perform in the *SILVERWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK* in 2009 and is now excited to join the cast of the Eldorado Hotel & Casino's *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

SAMANTHA HUNTT – Principal Skater

Samantha Hunt began her skating career at the age of 11 and immediately began competing. She competed as part of the Senior Level United States Figure Skating team for over 9 years and won the International Ensemble Champion title 5 times with *THEATER ON ICE*. At the age of 19, Samantha turned professional and began performing as a soloist touring with shows including *HOLIDAY ON ICE* and aboard the *ROYAL CARIBBEAN*'s "Mariner of the Seas." She completed 3 U.S. tours with *BROADWAY ON ICE* as the understudy for Dorothy Hamill and has shared the ice with many skating legends such as Brian Boitano, Nancy Kerrigan and Oksana Baiul. Samantha's talent exceeds the ice as she comes from a musical family where she sings with her parent's

band OPUS ONE. Samantha is honored to star in the 2009 *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

DAVID STEINBERG – Principal Elf

David Steinberg is originally from Los Angeles but calls himself a New Yorker at heart. Growing up in Queens, David's interest in acting began when he was in High School and entered Messiah College and Temple University with a major in Communications with a Theater emphasis. In his last semester in college, David was already working with one of Hollywood's hottest Director's, Ron Howard when he was cast as "Meegosh" in the film *WILLOW*. David continued to perfect his craft and began taking acting classes with Herbert Berghof. He then appeared in several theatrical productions at the Baltimore Center Stage, The Guthrie Theater and Radio City Musical Hall. His television appearances include "The Equalizer", "Days and Nights of Molly Dodd", "All my Children", Nickelodeon's "Are You Afraid of the Dark", "Charmed", "Zoey 101", "Passions" and "Ugly Betty." David's film credits include "Wigstock", "Love and Sex", "Fur" and "Epic Movie." His newest film, "Transylmania" will be released in December 2009. David is looking forward to returning to the theatrical setting in such as unique and exciting show as the *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

ALYSSA WILLIAMS – Principal Elf

Alyssa's love for acting started when she was a child in Minneapolis. She was always looking for ways to capture the attention of everyone around her and enjoyed the idea of creating an atmosphere of joy and happiness. This led her to various jobs of in which she was a source of interaction and inspiration including her work at Methodist Hospital. She is currently studying to be a "Child Life Specialist" specializing in helping abused children set goals and follow their dreams. Alyssa is now following her own childhood dreams of becoming an actress and will make her debut at the *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTUCLAR*.

COLLEEN MAGUIRE – Adagio Skater

Massachusetts born, Colleen Maguire has been skating since she was a young child. In 1991 she earned a Gold Medal in the New England Ladies Senior Championships and continued to win numerous regional titles throughout her competitive career. Colleen loved to entertain and decided to turn professional when she was offered her first contract

with *HOLIDAY ON ICE* in Europe. She later performed principal roles on the *MARINER OF THE SEAS*, *EXPLORER OF THE SEAS* and *ADVERTURERS OF THE SEAS*. In addition to her soloist skating, she also performed flying acts, and ultimately became a Principal Adagio skater last year when she met Josiah Modes. Colleen teamed up with Josiah and the two haven't looked back. They continue to exceed their dreams of doing what they love and performing in such exhilarating shows as *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

JOSIAH MODES– Adagio Skater

Josiah Modes, from Tampa, Florida has been skating for over 20 years. He was a U.S. National team member from 1994 through 1998 in both singles and pairs. Starting in 1996 Josiah decided to skate professionally when he was offered his first contract by *BUSCH GARDENS* to be the lead male in "*Hollywood Live on Ice*." He continued at *BUSCH GARDENS* for many years as the lead in all of their ice productions. By 2003 Josiah was touring the country, as a Principal skater in leading shows including *SNOOPY ROCKS ON ICE* and *IT'S A SNOOPY CHRISTMAS*. In 2009 Josiah was offered the principal role in *ENDLESS SUMMER ON ICE* at King's Island in Cincinnati, OH where he teamed up with Colleen Maguire. Together Josiah and Colleen are considered to be one of the world's top 20 Adagio Teams. Josiah looks forward to entertaining and exciting the audience in the *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

JOEL DEAR- Line Captain / Lead Ensemble Skater

Joel's interest in skating began when he was in elementary school and a section of the school playground flooded and froze over. He instantly fell in love with skating and later started lessons and immediately began competing. He was a part of the United States National team for 4 years becoming a U.S. Pewter Medalist and a U.S. National Silver Medalist. His love for fast movement and artistry exceeds the ice as is also a professionally trained dancer specializing in Hip Hop, Jazz Modern and Contemporary, which lead him to join a Jazz & Hip Hop based community dance project for the Public Schools of Boston. Joel can't wait to showcase his talent for the *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

CHRISTIE BACCA – Ensemble Skater

Christie Bacca began skating at the age of 5 in her hometown of Orange County, California. Christie was a member of the United States Figure Skating Team as a Pairs

skater. She competed both nationally and internationally and later turned professional. Christie made professional debut last year at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino's 2008 *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR* and is thrilled to be returning for a second season.

KINSEY KLEPPE – Ensemble Skater

Born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kinsey Kleppe spent the cold winter months figure skating. She started at the early age of 4 years old and it soon turned into a year round sport. Kinsey competed for over 12 years moving from local competitions to the State Championships. Recreational skating was more exciting for her and she decided to turn professional when she turned 18. She joined the Chorus for the annual *SUN VALLEY ICE SHOW* the summer of 2007 and began landing other roles in *FESTIVAL ON ICE* as well as hitting the high seas on "Ice Odeyssey" on *VOYAGER OF THE SEAS* and "Encore Ice Spectular" on *LIBERTY OF THE SEAS*. Kinsey is looking forward to becoming part of such an exciting production as the Eldorado & Casino's *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

ALLISON & ALEXANDER NACSA – Ensemble Skaters

Allison skating career began at the young age 4 in the small town of Owosso, Michigan, when she persistently asked her parents for skating lessons after seeing it on TV. She began skating and later competed all the way through Senior Ladies. After she graduated High School, Allison began skating professionally, appearing in *WIZARD OF OZ ON ICE*, *DISNEY ON ICE*, and *ICE CAPADES*.

In the summer of 2004, she met Alexander Nacsa while touring on *SNOOPY'S BIG BOW WOW* and they decided to skate pairs together. They fell in love and married a year later.

Alexander Nacsa had also started his skating career at a very young age in Toronto, Canada. His grandfather took him to the ice rink when he was just 2 years old. Alexander skated recreationally until the age of 10 and decided he was good enough to begin competing. He skated both as a Single and Pairs skater and competed in the Canadian National Championships. He turned professional joined *DISNEY ON ICE* and *SNOOPY'S BIG BOW WOW* where he met Allison. The duo started skating and touring together, fell in love and married in August of 2005. Allison and Alexander look forward to sharing their love skating and each other with the audiences of *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

DANIEL LOGANO - Ensemble Skater

Daniel Logano started her skating career at 7 yrs old. Starting out at a freestyle skater, she later moved into Ice Dancing as a junior and senior skater competing at the International level. Born and raised in Connecticut, she enjoyed the large skating community in the northeast. The family later moved to Alpharetta, Georgia to support her older brother's NASCAR career. The Logano family then built their own ice training facility called *EXTREME ICE CENTER* in Indian Trail, North Carolina., which is now the home of Olympic Silver Medalist, Paul Wylie. Danielle performs in various professional ice shows including *ENDLESS SUMMER ON ICE*, in North Carolina, "*Christmas on Ice*" in *BUSCH GARDENS*, Tampa Florida. Danielle feels both honored and privileged to join the cast of *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

BRANDEE MALTO – Ensemble Skater

Brandee Malto's love for dance began when she was just 3 years old. She started with the classics, Cecchetti graded classical ballet and moved right into jazz, funk and hip hop. She later transferred her dance training to the ice and skated competitively in both Singles and Ice Dancing. She has used all her in studio and on ice skills to later travel the world as a coach and choreographer. She landed the role of lead dancer and Master of Ceremonies in the *ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS NATIONAL MALL Tour*. She later performed on the ice with skating stars, Brian Boitano and Nancy Kerrigan in *BROADWAY ON ICE* and even took to the high seas as a soloist skater on *ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S*, "*Encore on Ice*." Brandee's career also includes TV credits including "*So You Think You Can Dance*" finalist, "*Latin Eyes*" dancer, "*A Primera Hora*" dancer and a commercial for Macy's Satellite network in California. Brandee has also been a spokesmodel for *ORACLE*, *SOHO LYCHEE LIQUOR*, *HISTORY CHANNEL*, *PANASONIC*, *NEXTEL*, *ADVIL*, *GOOGLE* and *UNITED AIRLINES*. Brandee can't wait to return to the ice and excite audiences at the *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

MICHAEL BERG – Ensemble Skater

Michael Berg's skating career started in his home state of Utah. He quickly advanced through the ranks earning top placements at both regional and national competitions. He began performing in local shows and then was honored with the opportunity to perform in both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. The excitement of the live performances led him to his professional career and he has starred in various productions including *SILVERWOOD THEME PARK*, *CYPRESS GARDEN ADVENTURE* in the US and *MAGIC ON ICE* in Mexico. He later took to

Principal roles in the *ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S EXPLORER OF THE SEAS* and *FREEDOM OF THE SEAS* and *ICE CAPADES*. He is honored to join the cast and looks forward to showcasing his talent in *HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

NATHANIEL HEISS – Ensemble Skater

Nathaniel Heiss was the first skater from Wyoming to ever compete at the U.S. Nationals. He has competed in the U.S. National Championships five times throughout his career in both Pairs and Ice Dance. He has earned gold medals in Freestyle, Moves in the Field and PAIRS. He has also earned Silver in Free Dance and Compulsories of the Ice Dancing competition. Nathaniel later turned professional performing in shows in Wyoming and Colorado and even tried his hand at Producing, in the *WILSON HOLIDAY ICE SHOW*. In addition to skating, Nathaniel was a full-time student at the University of Denver, graduating with a major in Finance and Real Estate with a minor in Legal Studies and Business Ethics. He now works as a Legal Assistant and Investment Manager at a law firm in Jackson, Wyoming and co-owns a company HMG Financial providing business consulting, investment strategies and finances projects in third world countries. Nathaniel's primary passion is figure skating and will be sure to excite and entertain the audience at the *HOLDIAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.

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